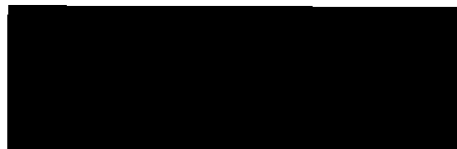


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DATE: **JUL 02 2012** Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

FILE:



IN RE: Petitioner:
 Beneficiary:



PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker as a Member of the Professions Holding an Advanced Degree or an Alien of Exceptional Ability Pursuant to Section 203(b)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(2)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the AAO inappropriately applied the law in reaching its decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen in accordance with the instructions on Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. The specific requirements for filing such a motion can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. **Do not file any motion directly with the AAO.** Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires any motion to be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The preference visa petition was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center. It then came before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. On May 11, 2012, this office provided the petitioner with notice of derogatory information and afforded the petitioner an opportunity to provide evidence that might overcome this information.

The petitioner was a mortgage brokerage business. It sought to employ the beneficiary permanently in the United States as a senior credit analyst. As required by statute, a labor certification approved by the Department of Labor accompanied the petition. The director determined that the petitioner failed to demonstrate that the beneficiary has a master's degree or its foreign equivalent in risk management or finance as of the priority date, as required by the labor certification. Therefore, the director denied the petition.

The AAO conducts appellate review on a *de novo* basis. *See Soltane v. DOJ*, 381 F.3d 143, 145 (3d Cir. 2004). The AAO considers all pertinent evidence in the record, including new evidence properly submitted upon appeal.

On May 11, 2012, this office notified the petitioner that according state records, Haven Home Finance, Inc.'s status is not in good standing in the state of Georgia, and that its current status is "administratively dissolved."

This office also notified the petitioner that, if it is currently not in good standing, this is material to whether the job offer, as outlined on the immigrant petition filed by this organization, is a *bona fide* job offer. Moreover, any such concealment of the true status of the organization by the petitioner seriously compromises the credibility of the remaining evidence in the record. *See Matter of Ho*, 19 I&N Dec. 582, 586 (BIA 1988)(stating that doubt cast on any aspect of the petitioner's proof may lead to a reevaluation of the reliability and sufficiency of the remaining evidence offered in support of the visa petition.). It is incumbent upon the petitioner to resolve any inconsistencies in the record by independent objective evidence, and attempts to explain or reconcile such inconsistencies, absent competent objective evidence pointing to where the truth, in fact, lies, will not suffice. *See id.*

This office allowed the petitioner 30 days in which to provide evidence that the records maintained by Georgia were not accurate and that the petitioner remains in operation as a viable business or was in operation during the pendency of the petition and appeal. More than 30 days have passed and the petitioner has failed to respond to this office's request. It is noted that the notice was sent to the petitioner's last known address. There has been no response from the petitioner, to date. Thus, the appeal will be dismissed as abandoned. Failure to submit requested evidence that precludes a material lie of inquiry shall be grounds for denying the petition. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(14).

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. The petitioner has not met that burden.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.